

IN THE SPECIFICATIONS:

Replace the paragraph at pages 29-30 beginning at line 23 (page 29) through line 7 (page 30) as follows:

As shown in Figure 3A, plate-bound CD30-Fc fusion protein had a dose-dependent inhibitory effect on the proliferation of anti-CD3-treated T cells. A dramatic inhibition was observed when the concentrations were equal to or more than 10 µg/ml. CD30 inhibits anti-CD3-induced T-cell proliferation, while human IgG had little effect. In Fig. 3B, a similar dose-dependent inhibitory effect on T cell proliferation was observed, although higher concentrations were required to achieve a similar effect on the inhibition of T cell proliferation, when soluble CD30-Fc was substituted for plate-bound CD30-Fc. (In Fig. 3A, gray bars: CD30-Fc, black bars: IgG. In Fig. 3B, black line: CD30-Fc, gray line: IgG.)

Replace the paragraph at page 31, lines 14-16 as follows:

Addition of exogenous IL-2 restored T-cell proliferation inhibited by CD30-Fc fusion protein (Fig. 5), supporting the claim that the decrease in the levels of T-cell proliferation by CD30 is attenuated with IL-2 supplementation. (In Fig. 5, gray bars: without IL-2 addition, black bars: with IL-2 addition.)

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Fig. 3B to clarify the numbers on the Y axis. A replacement sheet is provided.

A copy with the clarifications marked in red ink is also provided.